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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 15, 2011, Applicants  
respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the  
above-identified application.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.